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15 March 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: SA/DCI/IA

SUBJECT: Your Meeting With Judge Clark, 16 March 1983

1. The following items are on your agenda:

-- Transfer of Civil Space Sensors to Private Sector. You requested that this topic be on the agenda. I have included an update on the subject in addition to the package prepared by Eloise Page and Company. The President has concurred with Secretary Baldrige's recommendation in the decision memo. Also included for your information are recent press clippings on the topic.

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-- Public Policy.

-- Request for Photographic Support. Clark will raise the use of photography to support Dick Stone's public diplomacy efforts.

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-- Backfire Production. Bob Gates has recommended that this topic be raised with Clark, Shultz, and Weinberger during your meetings this week. The intent is to make them aware of the problem and what is being done. A set of talking points and the text of the SALT Monitoring Report on Backfire production are included.

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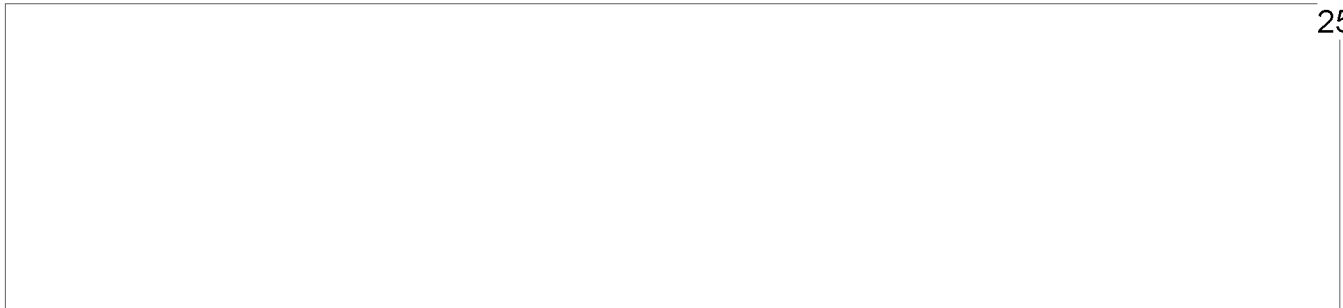
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2. The following topics were not on the agenda but may be raised at the meeting:

- Papal Assassination Attempt. Walt Raymond continues to believe that this is a topic for discussion. I have included the original copy of his note to the DCI and D'Amato's original letter.
- Soviet Defense Spending: An NIE? I again told Raymond that this is no longer an issue. He agreed to check it with Judge Clark but he seemed reluctant to drop it.

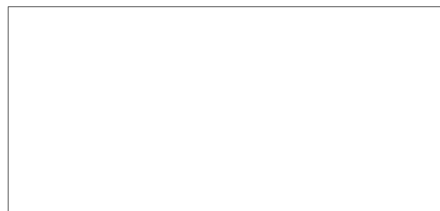


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4. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do for this meeting.



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Status of Commercialization of Civil Land and Weather Satellites
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- The Administration announced President Reagan's decision to transfer land and weather satellites on 9 March 1983 (see 9 March articles from The Washington Post and The New York Times).
- Press reports on this subject also appeared in The Washington Post on 8 March and 10 March 1983. On 13 March, Hobart Rowen featured this subject in his economic impact column in the Business section of The Washington Post. Rowen's column is particularly negative.
- We checked with the White House Staff on this subject. They verified that the President had concurred in Baldrige's recommendation in the decision memo. However, they said that they had no plans to distribute the final version of the decision memo. It is presumably very close to the version we concurred in.
- Commerce is now proceeding to implement the decision.
 - A memo to agency participants is expected shortly.
 - They will request a high-level representative for the interagency review board and full-time worker(s) to help in preparation of the RFP.
 - The Administration is pushing for implementation prior to CY 1984. Commerce has advised them that they don't feel they can make that schedule.
- We are continuing our planning for DoD/DCI studies on remote sensing issues that must be resolved prior to implementation.

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